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COVID-19 UPDATE

RESULTS OF COVID-19 TESTS DONE ON 31st JULY 2020

The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that Uganda has registered one COVID-19 death today. This brings the total COVID-19 deaths to four (4).

The deceased is a 61-year-old Ugandan female, a resident of Kiyimbi, Nakulabye in Kampala. She had symptoms consistent to COVID-19 which include: cough, fever, chest pain and difficulty in breathing and sought treatment from Mengo Hospital on Wednesday, 29th July, 2020. However, Mengo hospital referred her to Mulago National Referral Hospital on Thursday, 30th July, 2020 where she was admitted and her samples were taken off. Unfortunately, she passed on yesterday, 31st July, 2020. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The samples analyzed at Makerere University Laboratories confirmed SARS-COV-2. So far, **12** contacts to the deceased have been listed.

Similarly, twenty-two (22) new COVID-19 cases were confirmed from samples tested on 30th July, 2020. Out of the twenty-two (22) confirmed cases;- Six (6) are truck drivers, ten (10) are returnees from abroad, four (4) are contacts to previously confirmed cases and two (2) are alerts.

All six (6) truck drivers arrived from Kenya; four (4) arrived via Lwakhakha while two (2) arrived via Malaba Points of Entry.

Regarding the returnees, nine (9) arrived from Saudi Arabia while one (1) arrived from Kenya. All were under quarantine at the time of test.

The four (4) contacts to previously confirmed cases are from Namisindwa District and were under quarantine at the time of test.

One (1) of the alert cases is from Namisindwa District while the other (1) is from Kampala Metropolitan Area, mentioned above who succumbed to COVID-19.

Nine (9) Kenyan foreign truck drivers tested positive for COVID-19 at the border points of entry and their entry into the country was not permitted.

A summary of the results from the laboratory is shown below.

Number of new confirmed cases today	22
Number of Ugandan truck drivers confirmed today	6
Number of alerts confirmed today	2
Number of contacts confirmed today	4
Number of returnees confirmed today	10

Cumulative confirmed cases of Ugandans to-date	1,176
COVID-19 deaths today	1
COVID-19 deaths registered to-date	4
Cumulative Ugandan recoveries to-date	1,045
Samples from Points of Entry tested today	1,481
Samples from Alerts and Contacts tested today	1,069
Total number of samples tested today	2,550
Cumulative COVID-19 samples tested to-date	275,355

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